

REMARKS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 30, 2007.

Claims 17-28 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2-16 were canceled previously. New claims 17-28 have been added. No new matter is introduced. The claims find support throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. Claim elements reciting that the signal generator selection switch may be switched by the user are supported by, for example, paragraph 15 of the specification. Claim elements reciting an activator, as well as the activation of the location signal generator by the activator, are supported by, for example, paragraphs 8 and 9 of the specification and original claims 1, 5 and 10.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended Applicant during the interview with Michael Gollin and Thomas Barry on February 21, 2008. During the interview, the novelty and nonobviousness of the user-controlled signal generator selection switch were discussed. The Examiner noted that claims reciting a user's ability to change the mode of operation of the location signal generator using the signal generator selection switch would be allowable.

Accordingly, new claims 17-28 have been added. The new claims recite one or more signal generator selection switches, which switches may be switched, e.g. flipped by the user to select from among three signal generator selection modes: sound only; flashing light only; and both sound and flashing light. As the Examiner acknowledged during the interview, such a signal generator selection switch is not disclosed or suggested by either McGonigal or Herz, the references applied in the Office Action dated November 30, 2007, and was not known or suggested prior to the filing of the instant patent application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17-28 are patentable and requests that these claims be passed to issue.

Conclusion

In view of the above, the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Should the Examiner believe that this application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to address the Examiner's concerns.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 22-0261.


Respectfully submitted,

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